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## PROSPERITY LOOMS HERE LAUGHING WATERS FALL

CITY SHOWS MUCH ACTIVITY AND RENEWED GROWTH SINCE MILL RESUMED WORK.

## IMPROVEMENTS NOTED

and Door Factory Latest Movement of Live Commercial; New Residences to Rise; Pay Climbs; May Reach \$20,000 Monthly; Empty Buildings Scarce.

(By F. M. B.)

Falls City is a lively burg was visited this week by the writer, a day's visit to the city. Having passed through a stage of adversity last year there were those who thought that the city would soon be a demitition-bow-wow. Besides the "falls," Colonel News said that the city was all up to the paving period and yet "beat Dallas."

## Charter Seems Lame.

The city authorities seem to have reformed. If a minor saloon or pool hall, it seems, governor of the state must be applied to for a remedy. The government troubles of his own and, not a county attorney of his own views in sight as yet, he heads to enforce the law. There are twenty officers in Falls City to enforce the law in the same way as it is in Dallas. But when certain are to be done, the city charter is not. City Attorney Skiff, of Dallas, said that it might be later the charter might be on a quashed or gotten out on a of alibi or something.

## Improvements Are Noted.

Through the efforts of the Commercial club this little city of 1250 inhabitants has been able to be favored with a sash and door factory. Said O. M. Maher, president of club. "Also, Portland people are seeing the beauties and advantages of the Little Luckiamute, and the new bungalows of the Californians will be erected within the 60 days. The contract for this has been let," continued Mr. "For the erection of these buildings to Elie Brothers of Portland."

## Pay Roll Runs Skyward.

After the burning of the large saw-year there was considerable work for the merchants for a time. On day the writer found a glad to replace the unhappy expression. It was stated that the payroll of five mills now operating or being operations in the vicinity run as high as \$20,000 per month, having started at \$15,000, which were empty last fall now filled with tenants. One of the business men whispered to the writer that the development of the future tract, which is near to city limits, would not interfere in manner with the prosperity that store. The people of Falls City inclined to welcome the new of Guthrie.

## Schools Are An Asset.

Visit to the city schools of Falls would convince any skeptic as to work of Prof. Barnhart and his assistants. A clean, well-kept school it is said, is prima facie evidence of a well-kept town. There is something in this. Prof. Barnhart said that the attendance at this time at its maximum.

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## OTHER MEDAL CONTEST

### City Fountain Fund Sees Steady Growth.

City, May 1.—Another silver medal contest will be held in the city church next Monday night. The contestants are new. There will be no admission charge, an offering of at least five cents each person would be appreciated. The drinking fountain fund reached the \$33 mark and it is intention to have the fountain set by July 4 if possible.

One in Polk county holding a gold medal. C. T. U. declaratory medal is respectfully requested same to Mrs. Chloe A. Seymour, county superintendent medal work, Falls City.

## ROAD DISPUTE IS SETTLED BY COURT

JUDGE TEAL AND COMMISSIONER WELLS PACIFY WARRING ELEMENTS ON PETER KURRE HIGHWAY.

## MAY PURCHASE GRAVEL BAR

Negotiations Reported Practically Completed For Marion County Tract Opposite Eola; Cheap Gravel Offer Comes From Corvallis; Other County Court Notes.

(By F. M. B.)

Long standing dispute over the boundaries of a county road was settled Monday by County Judge Teal and Commissioner Wells, who visited the neighborhood and conferred with the parties interested. The highway in question is known as the "Peter Kurre road," and lies between Monmouth and Independence. One of the property owners abutting on the road, had a line fence which projects into the road property, according to the declaration of Charles Durrill, the road supervisor. The property owner claimed that a mistake in the survey was responsible for the apparent error, and he had refused to remove his fence. The road supervisor appealed to the county court and was about to take legal steps to compel the removal of the fence, when Judge Teal took the matter up. After an inspection of the premises in company with Commissioner Wells, an understanding was reached with the owner whereby the county agrees to move the fence back at its own expense, and road work may now go forward without further hindrance.

## Accepts New Bridge.

Judge Teal and Commissioner Wells also visited and inspected a new bridge on a new road which has recently been opened south of Independence. The bridge was built by Andrew Wilson, of Independence, and crosses a slough in the Hanna hopyard. They found the structure according to specifications and formally accepted it. The total cost of the bridge was about \$200.

In connection with road work in the county, it is the policy of the county to do away with the construction of small wooden bridges and culverts as much as possible and place tile instead. It is declared that this course will prove much cheaper in the end and, at the same time, permit of the building of better roads.

## Gravel Question Unsettled.

It has been ascertained that the county may secure all the gravel necessary for road purposes for 25 cents per yard on board cars at the Corvallis bunkers, and if favorable freight rates can be secured on the railroads, it is said that it can be delivered in.

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## TO SPEND \$5,000 ON BUILDING

### DALLAS MASONS TO HAVE COMFORTABLE NEW HOME.

### Will Add Third Story to Present Building; Final Decision Made and Work to Begin Soon.

Plans for the reconstruction of the brick building on Main street now occupied by the Herzog clothing store and the Masonic order, were practically accepted at the meeting of the lodge on Friday, and work on the same will be commenced in a short time. The lodge owns the second story of this building and now proposes to add a third story and construct a three-story addition to the rear, at a cost of approximately \$5,000. The architect's drawing for the front of the rebuilt structure, shows an imposing and handsome building and the arrangement of the interior will give the order one of the most comfortable lodge homes to be found anywhere.

The second floor will be used as a banquet hall and will be equipped with a kitchen and other facilities for serving lunches and dinners. The third floor will be devoted to lodge purposes and a large lodge room and spacious ante-rooms will be installed. The inspection made of the walls of the present building left no doubt of their strength to bear the weight of the additional story.

## Three Generations of Snyder Family



Top Row from left to right—Mrs. T. J. Warren, T. J. Warren, of McMinnville; Mrs. G. C. L. Snyder, G. C. L. Snyder, of Salem; F. E. Snyder, Mrs. F. E. Snyder, of Winnipeg; Claire Snyder, of Dallas; Mrs. W. C. Cook, W. C. Cook, of McMinnville.

Sitting—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Snyder; on Mrs. Snyder's lap, Dorothy Warren; on Mr. Snyder's knee, Chester Cook.

Bottom row—Miss Pauline Snyder, Paul Warren, Gladys Cook, Curtis Snyder, Will Snyder.

## "Swoipe of The Seven Sweaters" SEEMS LARGE SUM FROM FOUNDRY

### McMinnville Ball Club Lugs Away MAKES FOURTH TURN-OVER.

Clothing Belonging to Dallas Lassies; "My Goodness, 'Nannie.'"

When the Dallas basketball club accompanied by several hundred loyal rooters journeyed to the classic confines of the metropolis of Yamhill county to meet Silverton in what was to be the deciding contest for the state championship, the staid and fossilized Telephone-Register of that burg professed to be greatly shocked over the "war-like" antics of the Dallas team and the hilarity of some of the Dallas boosters. The sacred confines of the Yamhillers was thus invaded by a gang of "toughs" who straightway proceeded to shock the sensibilities of the sober-minded denizens of "Mack" and the yokels stood around breathless, wondering what was coming next, according to the report printed in the hyphenated publication above referred to. Dallas and her people were read a lecture by the double-headed, many-edited and multifariously managed T-R until those who had made the trip were "afraid to peep."

But, it appears, notwithstanding all our "rowdyism" and our hilarity and our "scrapping propensities," we have still fallen far short of the mark set by the seniors of the highly moral and circumspect capital of Yamhill—at least we didn't lug away any clothing belonging to that town.

But here's the tale: Last Saturday a company of high school kids from the Yamhill burg invaded the city of Dallas to meet the local high in a game of base ball. As a dressing room they were given the use of a room in the Armory building and, after they had departed, a hasty inventory of the contents of the room revealed the fact that several sweaters belonging to the young ladies who were practicing for the May Day festival, were missing. Ah-ha! The fact was related to Policeman Dave Grant who informed the McMinnville authorities, by telephone, suggesting that when the autos carrying the McMinnville ball players reached that city, they be searched and the missing articles sent back. This was done, and back the sweaters came Monday. When the Dallas magistrate and compelled them to prosecute the culprits they generously declined declaring that the return of the missing sweaters would be sufficient.

Ye gods and little fishes! Think of this! What a sizzling, pestiferous row would have been stirred up amongst the highly moral Yamhillers had the Dallas people not been satisfied with the mere return of the sweaters. Suppose the high sheriff of Yamhill county had garnered this precious bunch, haled them before a magistrate and compelled them to atone to the offended law. That, mayhap, would have stirred the surcharged moral atmosphere of the ancient county seat of Yamhill far more than did the antics of the Dallas basketball bunch. Wow, and yet again, woe-woe. By my halibute but these are lusty varlets. Olds bodkins, lad, we needs must look our hamper and set on the lid with an automatic shot gun when'er this marauding bunch from "Mack" travel this way again.

Well, let it go at that. But in passing, let it be said that he who lives in a glass house shouldn't laugh first.

The bride was attired in a handsome gown made of white silk taffeta and crepe de chene, decorated with white bride's roses.

As the wedding party entered the room, the bride on the arm of her father, the guests arose while Mrs. Hamann, of Eugene, sang that beautiful and noted solo by R. de Koven, "Oh Promise Me." At the close of the ceremony which was a most impressive one, the wedding march was played by Miss Mabel Gayne, of Salem.

The bride and groom were the recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. Fifteen guests did justice to a magnificent five-course spread, and the happy couple, deluged by their many friends and well wishers with rice and old shoes, left on the afternoon train for Portland and points in Washington, where the honeymoon will be spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown expect to make their home in Falls City.

## MANY TO STRIVE LATE POLK COUNTY FOR PRIZES AT COUNTY FAIR NEWS TOLD IN BRIEFS

SCHOOL CHILDREN OF COUNTY SHOW MUCH INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITIONS.

## PROMISE NUMEROUS ENTRIES OBSERVER SPECIAL SERVICE

Two New Standard Schools Added to List; Several Boards Employ Teachers For Coming Year; Eighth Grade Examinations to Be Held on May 8 and 9.

(By F. M. B.)

Much interest is being taken by the school children throughout the county in the coming school fairs, both in the county and the school department of the state fair, according to the statement of County Superintendent H. C. Seymour. "Never before has the interest of the pupils been so pronounced in the school fairs," said Seymour recently, "and there isn't a school room in the county, but what I believe that some work is being done toward making an exhibit this fall. In many of them dozens of pupils are at work on something to exhibit, or are planning to make a showing, and if Polk county doesn't take the first prize at the state fair this fall I shall be greatly disappointed. We have the energy among the pupils necessary, and all that remains is a united effort to secure the prize. Enough has already been promised along this line to assure us that the Polk county fair will have a splendid exhibit, even overshadowing the effort made last season."

## Two New Standard Schools.

Two more schools have been added to the standard list of Polk county since last week, according to the county superintendent's office. They are the North Dallas school in district 41 and the Bethel school in district 17. In the former district J. J. Brown is principal and Miss Veva Burns is teacher. The school board consists of James Middleton, H. A. Woods, William Hayes, and J. G. Brown, clerk. The district has a school population of 95 with an assessed valuation of \$195,520.

In the Bethel district W. A. Johnson is principal and Mrs. Rose Marsh, Miss Gladys Stewart and Miss D. Richards comprise the corps of teachers. The school board consists of G. L. Richards, T. J. Graves, G. A. Shields with J. P. Sears, clerk. The school census shows a population of 81 and the valuation is \$260,980. There is a special school levy of five mills.

## Many Teachers Employed.

It is announced that the school

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## WILL CUT TIES AND TIMBERS

### NEW SAWMILL TO BE BUILT NEAR FORT HOSKINS.

### Falls City Lumber Company Transporting Machinery to Cut Ties and Bridge Timbers for Siletz Railway.

### Machinery for the installation of a small sawmill near Fort Hoskins, on the Polk-Benton county line, is now being transported overland by the Falls City Lumber company. The company owns several million feet of timber in that locality, but the mill which is now to be erected, will be for the purpose of cutting ties and bridge timbers for the new Siletz Valley railway, which has been surveyed from Independence through the southern part of Polk county. The mill will be located on the survey of the proposed line and the company's activity in moving in the machinery and their announced intention of having the mill in operation as soon as possible, is the first indication of the early commencement of construction work on the new road.

Practically all of the right of way has been secured through Polk county and deeds for the most of it have passed and are now of record. Whether or not the road will build through to the coast is an open question but it is certain that it will be constructed into the immense timber holdings of the Cobb-Mitchell tract and the timber will be manufactured into lumber at the new mill which the company announces that it will build at Independence.

## WANTS NAMES OF OFFICIALS

County Organizations Asked to Send Names of Officers.

In order that the office may be fully informed regarding the officials of the Polk county grange, fruit associations and other organizations of the county, it is requested that the members or managers of these associations send to the office of Secretary Walter L. Toole, of Portland; Walter L. Toole, Jr., and Oscar Hayter, of Dallas, appear for the Society company in the above action.

Arrangements have been completed with a Connecticut concern to furnish the Electric Socket company with a supply of the tops for its flat-iron, but delivery cannot be made for nearly three months and it is not expected that actual manufacture can begin before August 1.

The company further states that it has been ready and anxious to begin the manufacture of its flat-irons since the first day of January, but that the failure of the Salem Iron Works to make prompt delivery of a satisfactory machine has resulted in much delay and the loss of profits.

Alfred & Burnett, of Portland; Walter L. Toole, Jr., and Oscar Hayter, of Dallas, appear for the Society company in the above action.

## FALLS CITY

Clean-up day was quite generally observed last Thursday and the appearance of the town is somewhat improved.

William Finley has sold out his interest in the Hotel Finley to Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Parks who are now in charge. The Finleys will make their home in Portland.

Bert Dennis attended to saw mill business in Portland last week.

Mrs. R. R. Davenport of Portland, and Mrs. E. E. Gilliam of Salem, visited this week at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Moyer.

N. Selig, C. W. Matthews and Geo. Maher drove over to Salem Thursday to attend the meeting of the Elks lodge.

Mrs. I. G. Singleton visited over Sunday with relatives in Monmouth.

W. F. Nichols went to Salem Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Vick and Miss Bertha, of Salem, visited in this city Sunday.

Harry Dempsey of Rickreall, was a Falls City visitor Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Starr of Salem, attended the Old Fellows and Re-

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